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IN A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

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REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

The reason for withdrawal from issue of this application is for consideration of pertinent art cited in the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement which accompanies a Request for Continued Examination.

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A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 is being submitted via Express Mail with this petition. The RCE Transmittal paper and Information Disclosure Statement are attached.

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